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यही पार्लियामेंट से हम लोग देश की दशा और दिशा को ठीक करें और अगर नहीं कर पाते हैं तो हम दूसरों से क्या अपील करेंगे और क्या अपेक्षा करेंगे? सभापति महोदय, क्या इसके लिए आप कुछ कर सकते हैं?

श्री सभापति : मैंने तो कहा है कि हमारी कमेटी है...(व्यवधान)

एक माननीय सदस्य : आपका हुक्म चलता है।

श्री सभापति : मैं डिक्टेटर नहीं हूँ...(व्यवधान)

श्री शत्रुघ्न सिन्हा : मैं स्वयं बाहर से डेढ़ किलो घुआं लेकर आता हूँ। बाहर हर तरफ एशट्रे रखी हुई है और आप यहां बिल बना रहे हैं। सभापति जी, इसके लिए आप कुछ कीजिए...(व्यवधान)

SHRI JIBON ROY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the time is almost over. My point is that the tobacco industry employs the largest work force in India. It is a traditional industry, and *bidi* is a home industry. Before passing this Bill, you should take a comprehensive view of the economy, as to how you can give alternative employment to them. (Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Construction of houses for urban poor in Assam

*525. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out any plan for construction of houses for the urban people living below poverty line in the State of Assam;

(b) if so, the estimated number of houses to be constructed in various cities of the State; and

(c) the total requirement of houses to be constructed during the Ninth Plan in the State of Assam?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) Housing is a State subject. However, in order to facilitate construction of adequate housing facilities, particularly for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) and Low Income Groups (LIG), Government of India has launched the Two Million Housing Programme under which construction of 7 lakh houses in urban areas and 13 lakh in rural areas every year will be facilitated through State Government agencies on a demand driven approach. Government of India through Housing & Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO), a public sector undertaking for housing finance, facilitates implementation of various housing schemes in States by providing long term loans.

In Assam during the 9th plan period, HUDCO allocated Rs. 353.28 crore for various housing programmes in urban areas. Against this allocation, HUDCO has already sanctioned loans worth Rs. 203.89 crore for construction of 27855 residential units in urban areas of Assam. In addition, under the Two Million Housing Programme every year HUDCO would be providing loan assistance for construction of 20513 units in the urban areas of Assam. 95% of residential houses sanctioned under this programme are for the urban poor viz. EWS and LIG categories.

(c) As per the Working Group Report for the 9th Plan, the housing shortage (as on 01.03.1991) in the state of Assam was 2.43 million units. Out of this, 0.16 million units were in urban areas and 2.27 million units in rural areas.

Cancer cases in the country

*526. **SHRI S. AGNIRAJ:** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cancer cases reported in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the total number of deaths caused due to cancer during the said period, State-wise;

(c) the type of cancer which are frequently reported in various states;